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IN THE CLAIMS:

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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS.

1. (Currently Amended) A ~~defence~~defense system for a target ~~(11)~~ against an attacking projectile of the type incorporating a launcher device ~~(1)~~ for defensive projectiles and control means for the device after the attacking projectile has been detected, wherein ~~the~~the said launcher device ~~(1)~~ comprises a cupola ~~(2)~~ mobile in bearing with respect to ~~the~~the said target and a launcher ~~(4)~~ integral with ~~the~~the said cupola and articulated in elevation in the bearing range of ~~the~~the said cupola to ensure a compactness of the whole assembly with respect to ~~the~~the said target.

2. (Currently Amended) A ~~defence~~defense system according to Claim 1, wherein ~~the~~the said launcher ~~(4)~~ is mounted articulated at its base around a hinge pin ~~(17)~~ integral with ~~the~~the said cupola ~~(2)~~.

3. (Currently Amended) A ~~defence~~defense system according to Claim 2, wherein ~~the~~the said cupola ~~(2)~~ is in the form of a circular

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seat ~~(3)~~ delimiting a lateral wall whose height is less than half its external diameter.

4. (Currently Amended) A ~~defeneed~~defense system according to Claim 3, wherein ~~thesaid~~ launcher ~~(4)~~ is activated in rotation by a jack ~~(19)~~ placed in the inner space delimited by the lateral wall, integral at one end with ~~thesaid~~ cupola and whose rod ~~(20)~~ is integral with a lever ~~(18)~~ extending the base of said launcher.

5. (Currently Amended) A ~~defeneed~~defense system according to Claim 4, wherein at zero elevation ~~thesaid~~ jack rod ~~(20)~~ is parallel to the plane (P1) of rotation in bearing of ~~thesaid~~ cupola.

6. (Currently Amended) A ~~defeneed~~defense system according to any one of the above Claims, wherein ~~thesaid~~ launcher ~~(4)~~ is articulated in elevation at an angle of between  $-10^{\circ}$  and  $+70^{\circ}$ .

7. (Currently Amended) A ~~defeneed~~defense system according to ~~any one of the above Claims~~ claim 1, wherein the length of

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~~thesaid~~ launcher (4) is substantially equal to the diameter (d) of ~~thesaid~~ cupola.

8. (Currently Amended) A ~~defence~~defense system according to Claim 7, wherein ~~thesaid~~ launcher (4) incorporates two launching tubes (5, 6) placed side by side.

9. (Currently Amended) A ~~defence~~defense system according to ~~any one of the above Claims~~Claim 1, wherein ~~thesaid~~ cupola (2) is activated in bearing rotation with respect to ~~thesaid~~ target (11) using a rack pinion (15, 27) assembly.

10. (Currently Amended) A ~~defence~~defense system according to Claim 59, wherein ~~thesaid~~ pinion (15) is integral with ~~thesaid~~ cupola (2).

11. (Currently Amended) A ~~defence~~defense system according to Claim 69, wherein the rack (27) is integral with ~~the~~a control means (9) comprising a double-acting jack (25) whose piston (26) is activated by a hydraulic unit (10).

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12. (Currently Amended) A ~~defence~~defense system according to Claim 11, wherein the axis of ~~the~~said piston ~~(26)~~ is substantially parallel to the plane (P1) of bearing rotation.